

subscribing user, stores the retrieved information at the portal, according to pre-programmed criteria, and summarizes the retrieved information for delivery to the subscriber.

2. (Unchanged) The Portal of claim 1 further comprising a configuration and initiation interface for a subscriber to set up and start a summary search.

3. (Unchanged) The Portal of claim 1 wherein the summary searches are configured for individual clients as templates stored and retrieved at the Internet-connected server.

4. (Unchanged) The Portal of claim 1 wherein information retrieved in a summary search is stored to be retrieved by the subscriber.

5. (Unchanged) The Portal of claim 1 wherein information retrieved in a summary search is downloaded immediately to the subscriber.

6. (Unchanged) The Portal of claim 1 wherein autologins are performed for the subscriber at each Internet site according to a data stored for the subscriber at the Portal.

7. (Once Amended) In an Internet Portal system, a method for providing summaries of information personal to the subscribing user, stored at WEB sites specifically authorized and specified by a subscriber, URLs for which are maintained for individual subscribers, the method comprising steps of:

(a) configuring a summary software agent executable on the Portal to access the URLs;

(b) retrieving information from individual ones of the WEB sites accessed according to pre-programmed criteria specific to each subscriber; and

(c) providing the information to the subscriber.

8. (Unchanged) The method of claim 7 further comprising a step for the subscriber to configure and initiate, via a configuration and initiation interface, a summary search.

9. (Unchanged) The method of claim 7 wherein the summary searches are configured for individual clients as templates stored and retrieved at the Internet-connected server.

10. (Unchanged) The method of claim 7 wherein information retrieved in a summary search is stored to be retrieved by the subscriber.

11. (Unchanged) The method of claim 7 wherein information retrieved in a summary search is downloaded immediately to the subscriber.

12. (Unchanged) The method of claim 7 wherein autologins are performed for the subscriber at each Internet site according to a data stored for the subscriber at the Portal.